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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

The amendment filed on January 10, 2008, presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Specifically, all of the originally presented and elected claims were directed to a class 257 semiconductor chip invention, but all of the currently presented claims, like all of the other applications/patents in this application's parent chain, are directed to an independent and/or distinct class 709 computer system/network invention (the originally presented and elected semiconductor chip invention can be used in devices other than computer systems/networks).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

If the applicant wants to pursue the currently presented claims then the applicant must file a divisional application.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Registered practitioners can telephone the examiner at (571) 272-1843. Any voicemail message left for the examiner must include the name and registration number of the registered practitioner calling, and the Application/Control (Serial) Number. Technology Center 2800's general telephone number is (571) 272-2800.


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